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Subject: Testimony concerning HB 5021

Dear members of the Connecticut Legislature,

While I strongly oppose Sunday sales, I do realize that it is inevitable. My biggest concerns in regards to HB 5021 are quantity discounts, the repeal of the min. bottle law and the medallion system that would be severely detrimental to existing small package stores.

By allowing quantity discounts and removing the min. bottle law, small business would be put into a very compromising situation. Most stores are not in a financial position to buy 25 cases of a product just to get the best price. Only the big box stores have these kind of resources available to them. Ultimately, these stores will be allowed to sell product below cost resulting in a loss for small stores and a loss in state sales tax revenue as well. There will not be an increase in consumption because the price is better so the sales tax will not be made up. This results in a loss for both sides and would probably put several stores out of business.

The proposed medallion system would also put small business in jeopardy. Large corporations such as Costco and Stop and Shop would have an unfair advantage. This system would allow for these stores to open a huge store in every town. Even if we decided to sell our business, we wouldn't be able to ask what we paid for it. These companies would only be interested in the medallion and not the value of the business. Many have worked long and hard for their store but will only be able to sell it for about 25% of its current value.

I ask that you please consider the repercussions to small businesses before voting on these measures. Many families livelihoods depend on it.

Respectfully,

Kevin Slavin

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